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THE American Association for the Advancement of Science celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation at Boston from the 20th to the 27th of August. The meeting, as all knew would be the case, was eminently successful, both in regard to the scientific work accomplished and in the occasions for social intercourse and enjoyment so liberally provided. As stated in the report of the new Permanent Secretary, Dr. L. O. Howard, at the closing session, the meeting was in many respects the most successful in the history of the organization. In point of numbers the attendance made it the fourth meeting in the history of the Association. Two of the meetings which have exceeded it in attendance have been held in conjunction with the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and the third was held in Boston; so that Boston has been excelled only by Boston. The scientific and other advantages of Boston, and the fact that the meeting celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Association, attracted members in large numbers. The total registration was 903, and almost every State in the Union was represented. The State which had the largest representation was naturally Massachusetts, with a total of 231; New York came second, with 158, and the District of Columbia third, with 96.

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